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Americans become memorial builders. -- Boston's Big Dig "stands as a kind of $14.6 billion tombstone for the contemporary megaproject…" -- Making room for more traffic in Los Angeles. -- Rethinking historic preservation in the UK. -- Lots of movie/TV critics, not enough architectural criticism in the press. -- Canadian Centre for Architecture hits hard times. -- Retail goes vertical in San Francisco. -- High praise for Pittsburgh's new convention center. -- Starck-designed Central Park West pleasure dome a steal at $15.9 million? -- Awards aplenty in Wisconsin and New Zealand. -- Not the same-old-same-old at furniture fair. -- Exploring contemporary architecture n Hungary.

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Americans rush to build memorials to 9/11: Aside from a few major wars, 9/11 is becoming the most widely memorialized event in U.S. history.- USA Today

Obstacle course: Has the Big Dig killed off the urban megaproject?- Boston Globe

L.A. Traffic Observed: proposal to widen the 101 Freeway...Destruction a more apt description...700 homes/apartment houses, 250 commercial buildings and several dozen schools, churches and medical facilities. By Sam Hall Kaplan- KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

History in the making: It's time to modify the way our past is protected says Neil Cossons- Guardian (UK)

Architecture, ideology and livable cities: Architectural writer Rhys Phillips at the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada conference- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

The house that Phyllis [Lambert] built is shaken to its foundation: Canadian Centre for Architecture- Montreal Gazette

Plans for Indoor Mall in San Francisco: an unusual $380 million project to connect the Emporium building to...the San Francisco Shopping Center. - RTKL; Kohn Pedersen Fox- New York Times

Convention center displays cutting-edge design: the largest green building in the world - Rafael Vinoly Architects [images]- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

For High Design, a Hard Sell - Philippe Starck- New York Times

Biggest Little City opens striking new art museum: Nevada Museum of Art is like nothing the region has ever seen. - Will Bruder- Las Vegas Sun

DeCordova Museum sets sights on funding: may soon have enough money to have the kind of world class museum they have always wanted. - Halvorson Design Partnership; Urban Instruments- Lincoln Journal (Massachusetts)

Oscars of the architecture world honor designers for sensitivity, creativity: 2003 AIA Wisconsin Design Awards. By Whitney Gould- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Controversy forgotten as building acclaimed: Cumulus building one of the three supreme awards winners: Jade Stadium, House. - Andrew Patterson; Athfield/Architectus/Ellerbe Becket; Gerald Parsonson [image]- New Zealand Herald

At International Contemporary Furniture Fair, Vanity Takes a Back Seat- New York Times

Book Review: "Contemporary Architecture in Hungary ": Architecture and morality- Budapest Sun

- Oscar Niemeyer: Serpentine Gallery Pavilion 2003, Hyde Park, London
- Tadao Ando: Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts
- Exhibition: "Tadao Ando: Regeneration - Surroundings and Architecture," Tokyo Station Gallery
- Books: "Oscar Niemeyer: A Legend of Modernism" and "Starck by Starck"

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